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A House of Correction.

Concerns appear to be at last making a serious endeavor to establish a House of Employment and Correction for the criminally indolent and depraved classes of Philadelphia. The necessity for such an institution has long been recognized. Through a series of years it was urged by every Grand Jury, and earnestly advocated by the Judges of the Criminal Court. Under the present system Philadelphia is not only victimized by her own depraved offspring, but by the indolent refuse of other sections of the country, who flock hither to enjoy the delights of a bumper's paradise. No more else can they obtain, with equal certainty, pauper or prison subsistence without the slightest danger of being called upon to work. Philadelphia taxpayers are prominently distinguished for their good nature in maintaining an army of able-bodied men, boys, and women in absolute idleness, and for their toleration of the neglect which has postponed for so long a period the application of a manifest remedy for this oppressive and demoralizing abuse. The Philadelphia loafer, whose ruling idea of life is that useful work must be avoided at all hazards, gratefully contemplates the pleasing prospect of passing his days in idleness at the Almshouse, in the County Prison, or in sponging on the general public. There is sufficient variety in these modes of existence to satisfy all his aspirations. When the Almshouse becomes monotonous he can mingle for a time with the common mass of tolling citizens, and if the charities of the world prove too cold, he can easily be committed to the County Prison either as a vagrant, or, if need be, as the perpetrator of a petty theft; for instances are by no means rare in which men have stolen small articles for the express purpose of securing winter quarters in Moyamensing. A crowded Almshouse, a crowded County Prison, a heavy draft upon taxpayers for the support of paupers and prisoners, and a certain and rapid increase of crime and criminal indolence, are the inevitable results of this miserable system. After self-respect is once lost, confinement, soiled by company, and neither embittered nor improved by useful employment, ceases to be a punishment, and the lazy prisoner has no dread of the sentence which ensures him easy subsistence. In a House of Correction and Employment many reforms could be made which are impossible in the present institutions, and a large portion of the habits of the Almshouse and prison could be advantageously furnished with useful employment.

Of late years the necessity of a House of Correction has been so generally recognized that its establishment is retarded only by the difficulty of deciding upon a proper location. Various sites have been proposed, and finally rejected, on account of the adverse petitions of citizens residing near the places selected. The objections are not unreasonable. The city is rapidly extending in every direction, and it is natural that property-owners should view with decided aversion any attempt to establish in their vicinity an obnoxious institution. Sites proposed a few years ago to be very rural and remote are now surrounded by compact squares of new buildings, and it is difficult to set a limit to the extension of our increasing improvements. It seems but just and proper that Councils should select a comparatively remote site, with such surroundings as will be least injured in prospective value. We hope, however, that the apparent desire to decide the vexed question promptly is not delusive, and that Councils and their committees will not rest until they have determined upon the location of a House of Correction, and made the necessary appropriations.

A large proportion of the able-bodied prisoners and paupers should be made the inmates of such an institution, and there be compelled to work or be punished for idleness. Society should no longer be burdened with the maintenance of indolent camps who can be made to maintain themselves. Experience has demonstrated that in proper buildings, and under appropriate regulations, there is no serious difficulty in finding remunerative employment for large bodies of criminals. Philadelphia has too long encouraged idleness in her Almshouse and prison, and year after year the House of Correction becomes more and more of a necessity.

The End of the Corner.

Essex stock has, during the past week, performed antics so astonishing, that to any one not accustomed to the American style of doing business, it would seem that the unfortunate scrip had become demoted. It ran up ten per cent, it doubled itself, it was sold at a difference of nine per cent., dependent on whether it was taken at once or in two hours. All this meant that there was a "corner" in it. All our people know what a "corner" is by this time, and the present one was of the vast proportions. The cause of the "corner" is a recent decision which enables the Erie directors to inflate and recall the stock of that road at pleasure. The consequence is that last Monday they commenced the inflation and anti-inflation operation, and the rich prices of Wall street were made to suffer. Draw lost a million and a half in a week, Belmont over three hundred thousand, and about a

score of others lost more than one hundred thousand. Having thus punished their rivals on the "Change the directors let the "corner" break, and Erie is again steady. We are told by despatches from New York that a number of leading bankers have entered into a written pledge not to touch that treacherous stock until it is put in the hands of some trustee; otherwise there would be no safety against another corner by the directors. "A burnt child"—the rest of the proverb is known.

The Chinese Question.

The "nigger" question is not yet settled, and there appears to be no prospect that it will be very shortly. We may expect to hear comparisons made between the size, shape, and proportions of Caucasian and African skulls and shin-bones until the negroes are allowed to vote, and then these edifying physiological discussions will cease, and soon people will begin to wonder why there was ever so much fuss and fury about "a white man's government," and the other clap-trap of Democratic orators. The most difficult part of the "nigger" question, however, has been settled definitely and conclusively by the abolition of slavery, and the granting of all the rights of citizens to men of African blood is only a question of time. As a supplement to this, we are likely to have a Chinese question on our hands which promises to give us no little trouble and annoyance. There are already thousands of Chinese in California, and large accessions to their numbers are being made every year, until, ere long, at the present rate of increase, they will outnumber the white population in all the States and Territories of the Pacific coast. The dislike of the native population for the Chinese is even more bitter than that which has been exhibited towards the African race on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains, and in San Francisco and other cities they are not ungenerously maltreated in the most shameful manner. As the Chinese immigration increases, it is not likely that this antagonism of races will cease, but, on the contrary, we may expect to have trouble from it. The Chinese are said to be patient, industrious, and peaceable, but they are pagans in religion, and their manners and customs are so entirely different from ours, that the prospect of their being soon absorbed into the great American nation is not very assuring. The Californians look upon them as interlopers, and treat them as if they were no better than vermin, but still they come, and increase with unexampled rapidity, and the question suggests itself for serious consideration, What is to be done with them? We know so little in this part of the country about the Chinese, that we are not in a position to judge whether they are really the nuisances that they are asserted to be by many Californians. If they are well behaved they are entitled to the same protection as other residents in the country, whether Pagans or Christians; and as we are likely to have them on our hands, the best policy, and only policy by which future trouble can be avoided, would certainly seem to be to protect them effectually from ill-treatment, and to encourage them to study the English language and the institutions of the country, so that they may be fitted for the exercise of all the duties and the enjoyment of all the rights of citizens.

The American nation is, to a great extent, heterogeneous at present, and whether it will ever assume a distinctive character by the entire absorption of all its elements, is a question which will not be answered in one day, and how far the Mongolian and Caucasian races can be merged into one homogeneous mass is the next great political problem with which we are likely to be vexed.

"THE IRISH REPUBLIC."—Why do the Hibernians rage and the Fenians imagine vain things?—an Irish Republic on Irish soil, for example. Let them all congregate at New York city, which is far more of a paradise for Irishmen than Ireland itself. The New York Herald gives the following list of public offices in that city held at present "by the worthy, spirited, and patriotic sons of Old Erin":—

- Mayor,
Register,
Comptroller,
City Chamberlain,
Corporation Counsel,
Police Commissioner,
President of the Common Council,
Acting Mayor and President of the Board of Aldermen,
President of the Board of Councilmen,
Clerk of the Common Council,
Clerk of the Board of Councilmen,
President of the Board of Supervisors,
Five Justices of the Courts of Record,
All the Civil Justices,
All but two of the Police Justices,
All the police court Clerks,
Three out of four Coroners,
Two Members of Congress,
Three out of five State Senators,
Eighteen out of twenty-one Members of Assembly,
Ten-nineteenths of the Common Council,
and
Eight-tenths of the Supervisors.

OBITUARY.

William S. Mount.
William S. Mount, an artist well known from a series of characteristic rural pictures, which were extensively copied in all styles of engraving, died on Thursday last at Setonack, Long Island, the place of his birth. Mr. Mount was born in 1807, and his first experiments with the brush were in the way of sign painting. A taste for art induced him to attempt higher things, and after some preparatory study he began to paint portraits in 1823. A picture entitled a "Rustic Dance" was a decided success, and it attracted the attention of the public to him as an artist of original and peculiar genius. He devoted himself, thenceforth, principally to this class of subjects, and produced the "Farmers Mowing," "Raffling for a Goose," "The Power of Music," "Mutual Respect," "The Courtship," "Banjo Player," and "Bone Player," all of which are well known through the medium of prints. Mr. Mount was also a portrait painter of more than ordinary ability, and full length portraits executed by him of Bishop O'Reardon and other celebrities have been greatly admired. Mr. Mount of late years painted but little, and contented himself with playing upon the violin and upon a peculiarly constructed whistle which he invented. Mr. Mount had two brothers, also artists of some celebrity. One of these, Shepard A. Mount, died a few weeks ago.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

THE GOSPEL FOR SPAIN.—A meeting of the friends of the AMERICAN FISH SOCIETY, for the purpose of raising money for the purchase of fish for the relief of the poor, will be held at the City Hall, on Monday next, at 10 o'clock. Tickets, 50 cents. Doors open at 9 o'clock.

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THE INDIAN'S SUMMER RIG.

MEDICINE WOLF was a prominent medical gentleman, at the head of his profession among the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians. He had studied practical anatomy to some purpose. All the summer he had been "Indian Summer." All the winter in Indian Summer was his motto, which was made out of forty scraps. Some of the scraps were from grey-headed Indian gentlemen and some were from little Indian boys. He didn't live under the shadow of ROCKHILL & WILSON'S Immense SHOWS CLOTHING STORE, and he didn't know any better. Let the poor Indian! It was a poor way he had of fixing himself up. Now that the Indian Summer of our discontent has given way to the Gaily Frigidity of November, for all of us who live within the bounds of civilization, let us have the gorgeous opportunities afforded to us, not only to keep our heads the coolest, which nature has deposited there but to supplement nature's provisions by full suits of the elegant costumes which ROCKHILL & WILSON so liberally provide alike for the old age and just juvenility. Hurrah for the clothes of

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